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H. R. 4624

To provide targeted payment relief under the Medicare Program for hospitals that primarily serve Medicare and Medicaid patients and have been disproportionately impacted by the payment reductions under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2000

Mr. DUNCAN (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. JENKINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “High Need Hospital
5 Medicare Rate Relief Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. TARGETED RELIEF FOR HOSPITALS DEPENDENT**
2 **ON MEDICARE AND STATE HEALTH CARE**
3 **PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) COMPUTATION OF TARGETED PAYMENT RELIEF
5 AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding subclause (XV) of section
6 1886(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(i)), the Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services shall calculate payment amounts under section
9 1886(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)) for covered
10 hospitals (as defined in subsection (c)) for discharges oc-
11 ccurring on or after October 1, 2000, and before October
12 1, 2002, as if the applicable percentage increase for fiscal
13 year 2000 under such subclause is the market basket per-
14 centage increase for such fiscal year without reduction.

15 (b) COMPUTATION OF TRANSITIONAL PAYMENT
16 AMOUNTS.—With respect to discharges occurring in each
17 of fiscal years 2001 through 2003, the Secretary of Health
18 and Human Services shall pay a covered hospital 102 per-
19 cent of the amount otherwise applicable under section
20 1886(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d))
21 for operating costs of inpatient hospital services (as de-
22 fined in section 1886(a)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395ww(a)(4)).

24 (c) HOSPITALS COVERED.—In this section, the term
25 “covered hospital” means a subsection (d) hospital (as de-

1 fined in section 1886(d)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(1)(B)) that—

3 (1) for any cost reporting period beginning on
4 or after October 1, 1995, and before October 1,
5 1997, had combined patient days for patients enti-
6 tled to benefits under part A of title XVIII of the
7 Social Security Act and for patients eligible for med-
8 ical assistance under a State plan approved under
9 title XIX of the Social Security Act (including pa-
10 tients eligible for medical assistance by reason of a
11 waiver under section 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1315)), which equal or exceed 65 percent of the hos-
13 pital's total patient days; and

14 (2) has a disproportionate patient percentage
15 (as defined in section 1886(d)(5)(F)(iv) of such Act
16 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(F)(iv)) equal to at least
17 40 percent.

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